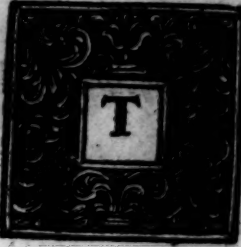


*REASONS for Amending the CLAUSE  
for a DRAWBACK to be allow'd to the  
UNIVERSITIES, &c.*

I.  HAT in the University of Oxford there are, besides one in private Hands, two other Printing-Houses, one at the Theatre, being that of the UNIVERSITY, and the other *privileg'd* by them, and lately lett or farmed to one Mr. Basket, Stationer of London; and whereas each Printing-House may have as many Presses as the Benefit of this Drawback shall encourage the Farmers or Proprietors thereof to erect, it cannot be doubted but the printing of all Books, as well in Latin as the other Learned Languages, will soon be carried thither; because they will thereby be enabled to print 20 *per Cent.* cheaper than at London, unless it shall be thought fit to allow the same Drawback to the Cities of London and Westminster.

II. That the Privilege of the Cambridge Press is at this Time under the Management of one *Crownfield*, a *Dutchman*, who does frequently print, and is constantly soliciting the Booksellers of this City for printing their Books, as well English as Latin; who, by the Benefit of this Drawback will be enabled to procure from London the printing such Works as the other University shall not think worth their while, or have Leisure to undertake.

III. That what Books shall escape the Universities, will in all Probability be printed in *Holland*; and, it may be presum'd, will never bear Date *after* the twenty ninth of September 1711, if they should be allow'd to be imported free from the Duty of 30 *per Cent. ad Valorem.* It is humbly hop'd therefore, the intended Duty shall be laid on all Books IMPORTED *after* a Time limited by this Act.

IV. That such transferring the Work from London to the Universities, will be very prejudicial to the Printers here, not only by the printing all School Books, &c. there; but because they have, at great Expence, purchased Types, as well for Latin and Greek, as also for the Oriental and Northern Languages; which must remain an useless dead Stock on their Hands, unless allow'd the same Encouragement as the said Universities; which they humbly hope will be granted them, seeing they are capable of printing in those Languages, and have performed them with Reputation; such as the *Polyglot Bible*, the *Criticks*, *Greek Testaments*, various *Lexicons*, *Dictionaries*, *Grammars*, and many other curious Books in the Learned and Northern Languages.

*All which great Grievances, together with the heavy Duty on Printing-Paper, and the Stamps and Duty on News-Papers and Pamphlets, will amount to almost a Prohibition of the Printing-Trade in and about London and Westminster, to the utter Ruin and starving of many Families here, unless this Honourable House shall in Compassion be pleased, at least to permit them the Liberty of printing all Latin Books with the same Drawback; or limit the said Drawback for the Universities, to such Books only as shall be by them printed, at their own proper Cost and Charges, and not for the particular Interest of any private Persons whatsoever.*

*And the Printers in and about this City, most humbly beseech this Honourable House to consider, they are not pleading against any Favour or Advantage shall be thought fit to be indulged to those Great and Learned Bodies; but only under this present Prospect of too apparent Danger, implore Your Honours favourable Interposition, to prevent the Livelyhood of so many Families becoming a Sacrifice to a Dutchman at the one University, or a single Stationer, or any other Person, at the other, under the Umbrage of this Favour intended only to the said Universities.*



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